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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Registration - Felons**

3 FOR the purpose of removing certain restrictions that prohibit certain felons who  
4 have been convicted more than once for certain crimes of violence from being  
5 deemed qualified to register to vote; and generally relating to the qualifications  
6 of felons to register to vote in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Election Law  
9 Section 3-102  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Election Law**

15 3-102.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may  
17 become registered to vote if the individual:

18 (1) is a citizen of the United States;

19 (2) is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of  
20 the next succeeding general or special election;

21 (3) is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to  
22 register; and

23 (4) registers pursuant to this title.

24 (b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

1 (1) has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the  
2 individual:

3 (i) has been pardoned; or

4 (ii) 1. in connection with a first conviction, has completed the  
5 court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole,  
6 community service, restitutions, and fines; or

7 2. in connection with a subsequent conviction, has completed  
8 the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole,  
9 community service, restitutions, and fines, and at least 3 years have elapsed since the  
10 completion of the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including  
11 probation, parole, community service, restitutions, and fines;

12 (2) is under guardianship for mental disability; or

13 (3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

14 [(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, an individual is not  
15 qualified to be a registered voter if the individual has been convicted of a second or  
16 subsequent crime of violence, as defined in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2003.